

II. Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend the pending claims as set forth in the following Listing of Claims. This Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. **(currently amended)** An image verification apparatus comprising:
 - a verification unit which verifies, using verification data included in an image file, whether a digital image included in [[an]] the image file has been altered; and
 - a control unit which ~~changes a display form of~~ (a) controls the image verification apparatus to display additional information of the digital image on a display unit, if the verification unit verifies that the digital image has not been altered, and (b) controls the image verification apparatus not to display the additional information included in the image file except a thumbnail image of the digital image on the display unit and to display both the thumbnail image of the digital image and information indicating that the digital image has been altered on the display unit, if [[said]] the verification unit verifies that the digital image has been altered,
 - ~~wherein said control unit notifies a user that the digital image has been altered, by avoiding the additional information from being displayed, if said verification unit verifies that the digital image has been altered, and~~
 - wherein the additional information of the digital image includes [[a]] the thumbnail image of the digital image.
2. **(canceled).**
3. **(canceled).**
4. **(previously presented)** The image verification apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the additional information includes information relating to the image file.

5. **(previously presented)** The image verification apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the additional information includes information relating to an apparatus which generates the image file.
6. **(currently amended)** The image verification apparatus according to claim 1, wherein ~~[[said]]~~ the verification unit verifies whether the digital image has been altered, using a common key of common key cryptography.
7. **(currently amended)** The image verification apparatus according to claim 1, wherein ~~[[said]]~~ the verification unit verifies whether the digital image has been altered, using a public key of public key cryptography.
8. **(currently amended)** A method of ~~displaying additional information included in an image file~~ controlling an image verification apparatus, the method comprising the steps of:
 - verifying, using verification data included in an image file, whether a digital image included in the image file has been altered;
 - controlling the image verification apparatus to display additional information of the digital image on a display unit, if it is verified in the verifying step verifies that the digital image has not been altered; and
 - ~~changing a display form of~~ controlling the image verification apparatus not to display the additional information included in the image file except a thumbnail image of the digital image on the display unit and to display both the thumbnail image of the digital image and information indicating that the digital image has been altered on the display unit, if it is verified in ~~[[said]]~~ the verifying step that the digital image has been altered; ~~and~~

~~notifying a user that the digital image has been altered, by avoiding the additional information from being displayed, if it is verified in said verifying step that the digital image has been altered,~~

wherein the additional information of the digital image includes [[a]] the thumbnail image of the digital image.

9. (canceled).

10. (canceled).

11. (previously presented) The method according to claim 8, wherein the additional information includes information relating to the image file.

12. (previously presented) The method according to claim 8, wherein the additional information includes information relating to an apparatus which generates the image file.

13. (currently amended) The method according to claim 8, wherein a common key of common key cryptography is used in [[said]] the verifying step to verify whether the digital image has been altered.

14. (currently amended) The method according to claim 8, wherein a public key of public key cryptography is used in [[said]] the verifying step to verify whether the digital image has been altered.

15-18. (canceled).

19. **(previously presented)** The image verification apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the additional information does not include a file name of the image file.

20. **(previously presented)** The method according to claim 8, wherein the additional information does not include a file name of the image file.

21. **(currently amended)** A computer-readable medium that stores a program causing a ~~computer~~ an image verification apparatus to perform a method of ~~displaying additional information included in an image file~~ controlling the image verification apparatus, the method comprising the steps of:

verifying, using verification data included in an image file, whether a digital image included in the image file has been altered;

controlling the image verification apparatus to display additional information of the digital image on a display unit, if it is verified in the verifying step verifies that the digital image has not been altered; and

changing a display form of controlling the image verification apparatus not to display the additional information included in the image file except a thumbnail image of the digital image on the display unit and to display both the thumbnail image of the digital image and information indicating that the digital image has been altered on the display unit, if it is verified in [[said]] the verifying step that the digital image has been altered; and

notifying a user that the digital image has been altered, by avoiding the additional information from being displayed if it is verified in said verifying step that the digital image has been altered;

wherein the additional information of the digital image includes [[a]] the thumbnail image of the digital image.

22. **(canceled).**

23. **(previously presented)** The computer-readable medium according to claim 21, wherein the additional information includes information relating to the image file.
24. **(previously presented)** The computer-readable medium according to claim 21, wherein the additional information includes information relating to an apparatus which generates the image file.
25. **(currently amended)** The computer-readable medium according to claim 21, wherein a common key of common key cryptography is used in [[said]] the verifying step to verify whether the digital image has been altered.
26. **(currently amended)** The computer-readable medium according to claim 21, wherein a public key of public key cryptography is used in [[said]] the verifying step to verify whether the digital image has been altered.
27. **(previously presented)** The computer-readable medium according to claim 21, wherein the additional information does not include a file name of the image file.